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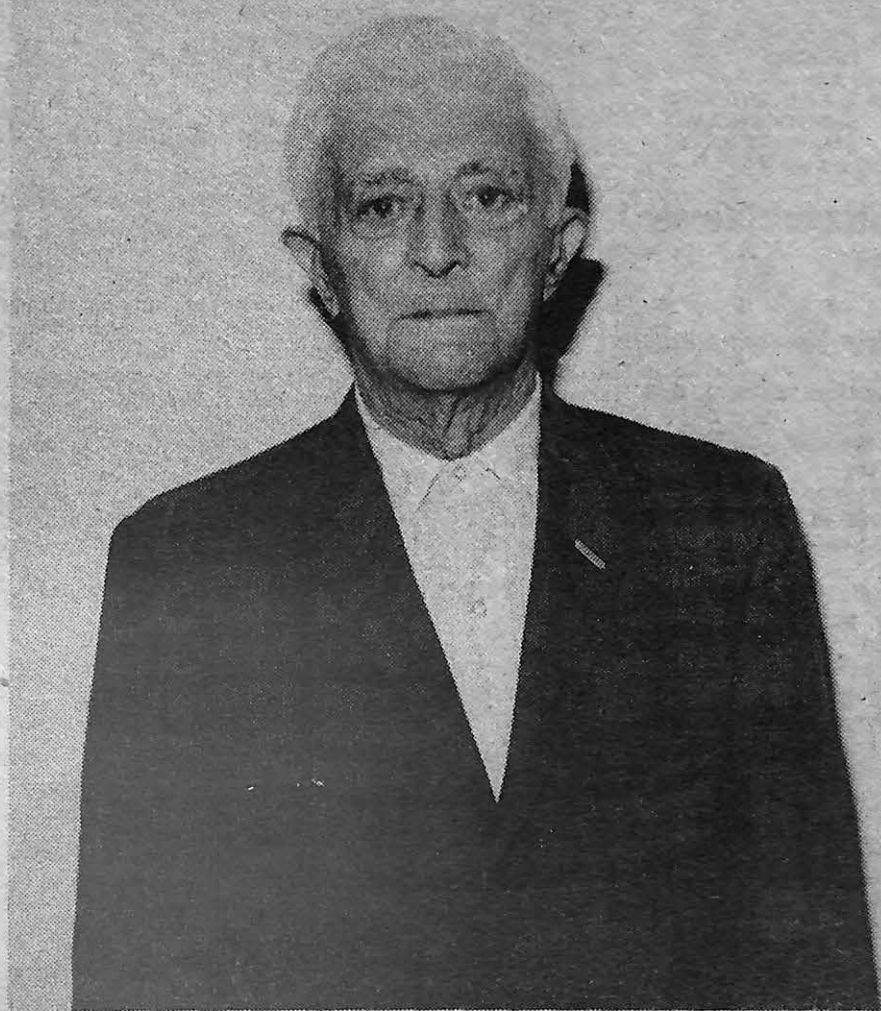
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September 19, 1978

Giacomo Veronesi Celebrates



90th Birthday

Mr. Giacomo Veronesi of 20 Central Street, Agawam, celebrated his 90th birthday on September 6th. A party was held in his honor at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of 46 Central Street, Agawam.

Prior to his retirement in

his 70's, Mr. Veronesi was in the construction business. He is an avid gardener and enjoys good health. He still drives and just had his drivers license renewed for four more years.

He has three living children - his oldest son Julio was killed in World War II in the Battle of St. Lo, in

France. His other two sons, Albert and Aldo, and daughter Mrs. Mary Anderson all live in Agawam. Mr. Veronesi has seven grand children.

On May 29th of this year, Mr. and Mrs. Veronesi celebrated their 66th Wedding Anniversary. School

Cable TV Hearing Set for Wednesday

The Massachusetts CATV Commission will reconvene their rate hearing on Spectrum Cable Television Company's rate increase request for the towns of Agawam, West Springfield, and Westfield. The reconvened hearing will be held at the West Springfield Town Hall, 26 Central St. West Springfield, on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1978. The hearing will commence at 10 A.M. for attorneys' briefs and public testimony will be taken after 5:00 P.M.

Robert J. Santinello, Special Counsel for the Town

of Agawam, will be representing Agawam on the rate request by Spectrum. Spectrum has requested the monthly rate to be increased in Agawam from \$6.50 per month to \$7.95 for basic CATV rate plus \$1.25 for each additional set over the first set per month. At the present time, there is no charge in Agawam per extra set up to three sets per subscriber. Consequently, if all of the rate request is granted to Spectrum by the Massachusetts CATV Commission, a current subscriber with three sets in Agawam could pay \$10.45 per month for his basic CATV service.

Town Manager Peter Caputo urges Agawam cable television subscribers who wish to express their opinion on Agawam's cable TV service to attend the rate request hearing and make their feelings known regarding cable television services and rate increases. Cable services will be servicing approximately 3,000 subscribers in Agawam within the next few years.

Overcrowding Alleviated at Clark Elementary School

The Agawam School Department has relieved the overcrowding of the first grade classrooms at the James Clark Elementary School. Fifteen parents have agreed to send their children to Phelps Elementary School to help alleviate the overcrowded situation at Clark.

According to Thomas O'Keefe, Principal at Clark, the problem developed over the summer when several new families moved into the area. "The exact numbers could not be finalized until after school began," O'Keefe commented.

Sixty seven students had enrolled for the first grade at

Clark and were being taught in two classrooms. The transfer of students out of Clark will establish a more manageable number of students for the two teachers, according to O'Keefe.

The transfer will take place on Wednesday morning, September 20, when each of the fifteen students involved will be picked up by a special van at his or her home. The parents and students went on a field trip to Phelps School to see the school and meet with the staff there.

The School Committee had given Dr. Ernest Cannava permission to transfer the fifteen students at a meeting last week, providing all

parents were in agreement. According to Cannava, eleven parents volunteered their children, and the remaining three were picked by the superintendent's office.

Cannava said that because of a similar overcrowding of the two first grades at Phelps School, the fifteen transferred students and eleven students from Phelps' first grades will be combined to form a third first grade room at the school.

Dr. Cannava commented on the cooperation he received from the schools and the parents in this matter which helped to make the move easier on the students.

Moratorium Expected for Apartment Construction in Southwick

A call for a moratorium on apartment construction in Southwick is expected at Tuesday's special Town Meeting. About 150 people attended last Thursday's public hearing on proposed zoning revisions, and many voiced opposition to the formation of an R-20A zone for apartments.

In a sometimes heated discussion, residents expressed fear that a concentrated apartment zone would result in overcrowding, increased traffic, and contamination of the town's aquifer. One resident received a loud applause when he spoke against the proposed zone. "What it took Springfield 100 years to do, Southwick will create an instant slum area in 10 years," he said.

The proposed R-20A zone would encompass an area from Foster Road to South Longyard to Depot Street, along College Highway to Feeding Hills and Matthews Roads and back to Foster Road.

Planning Board Chairman Donald Desmond said the zone would "cut in half" the area now permitting apartment construction. "This is designed to take the current apartment zone and almost cut it in half," Desmond said. "The reason is to further protect the lake area and to keep multi-family dwellings away from the lakes."

Board member Arthur Driscoll said the zoning bylaws already allow for strict apartment control by specifying the number of units per acre, open spaces,

etc. "Right now, apartments can be constructed in all R-20 zones," Driscoll said. "Article three limits the area of construction."

But, residents opposed to the new zone cited the town's well as the main reason for keeping apartments out of that area. One resident stated that the reasoning behind moving the apartment zone away from the lakes should also be applied for the protection of the town's water supply and aquifer.

Other residents suggested the entire area be rezoned R-40 which would prohibit apartment construction.

Desmond said a large portion of the proposed R-20A zone is already occupied, citing the school complex, the large area owned by the Water Department, and the numerous private dwellings. "Only a small portion would be available for building," he said.

Selectmen Chairman Nuchi Prifti said the board should call for a moratorium on all apartment complex construction until further studies could be made on the effects to the aquifer and the town.

Desmond explained that a moratorium had to have a time limit imposed and reasons for the action had to be submitted to the attorney general, but added that valid reasons for the moratorium could be worked out.

Desmond also said the town could not rezone the entire area to prohibit apartments because the state would recognize that as

discriminatory zoning. But one resident suggested a way to beat the discriminatory charge. "We won't outlaw apartments," he said, "but why not make the apartment zone near Sodom Mountain where it's so expensive no one would build them?"

Finally, a resident from South Longyard Road said a moratorium would be the best idea. "If this comes up at the Town Meeting, you'll have 50 people from the zone area voting no, and the rest of the town at home saying 'Thank God it's not going in my neighborhood.'"

In other business, Driscoll said concerning Article 5 on increased lot size and frontage for duplexes. "We are trying to prevent developers from sticking duplexes all along the street in an unaesthetic way."

Prifti challenged the legality of Article 11 which gives the Planning Board jurisdiction over all race tracks other than those owned by the schools. "You can't do that," Prifti said, "You're closing out any future projects by the Park and Rec. Dept. and other organizations. You better check with the Town Attorney. I think this is illegal."

Article 16, prohibiting all commercial and private dog kennels from residential zones, also met with opposition. Dog Officer Sally Santucci said, "What right does the Planning Board have to limit personal property rights in regard to

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Home Box Office Listings

Tuesday

September 19

5:30 AMERICAN GRAFFITI
Sunset to sunup for four youths in California (PG-1:55)
7:30 RACE FOR THE PENNANT
Last week's highlights.
8:00 A SPECIAL DAY
Marcello Mastroianni is superb (Dubbed-PG-1:50)
10:00 LIPSTICK
Anne Bancroft, Margaux Hemingway and Chris Sarandon co-star (R-1:29)
11:30 GEORGE CARLIN AGAIN!
On Location.

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September 20

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5:30 THE HIDING PLACE
True World War II story (PG-2:26)
8:00 THE APPLE DUMPLING GANG
The Old West of the 1870s a la Walt Disney (G-1:40)
10:00 RACE FOR THE PENNANT
Repeat of Tuesday's show.
10:30 HANDLE WITH CARE
Graffiti grads Paul Le Mat and Candy Clark (PG-1:36)
12:30 ISLANDS IN THE STREAM
George C. Scott (PG-1:50)

Thursday
September 21

6:00 RACE FOR THE PENNANT
Repeat of Tuesday's show.
6:30 ANIMALS ARE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE
African nature documentary (G-1:31) r
8:00 INSIDE THE NFL
This week's all new look at last weekend's big plays.
9:00 THE DOMINO PRINCIPLE
Political thriller (R-1:40)
11:00 MARCH OR DIE
Max Von Sydow as director of the Louvre (PG-1:47)

Friday
September 22

5:00 THE APPLE DUMPLING GANG
Don Knotts (G-1:40) r
7:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Repeat of yesterday's show —with all the big plays.
8:00 SORCERER
Four strangers trapped in a primitive South American backwater (PG-2:02) r
10:00 SILVER STREAK
Two funny guys: Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor (PG-1:53)

12:00 TWO MULES FOR SISTER SARA
May remind you of The African Queen (PG-1:45)

Saturday
September 23

3:00 SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT
Second highest box-office draw of '77 (PG-1:40) p.8
5:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Repeat of Thursday show.
6:00 SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT
Burt Reynolds (PG-1:40)
8:00 A PIECE OF THE ACTION
Bill Cosby (PG-2:15)
10:30 RUBY
Piper Laurie (R-1:25)
12:00 BURLESQUE
Lots of laughs.
1:30 RUBY
Occult drama (R-1:25)

Sunday

September 24
2:00 THE APPLE DUMPLING GANG
Tim Conway (G-1:40) r

Southwick Senior Citizen News Juniper Street

Sept. 19: Liver and onions, mashed pot., lima beans, apple juice, dessert
Sept. 20: Haddock fingers, noodles, yellow beans, sli. tom. w/french dress., gingerbread w/whip.
Sept. 21: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed pot., cauliflower, pickled beets, butterscotch pudding
Sept. 22: Veal cutlet w/brown gravy, diced carrots, mashed pot., sli. cucumbers, w/thous. is. dr. fresh apple
Sept. 25: Roast beef, mashed pot., peas, toss. sal. w/fr. dressing, tapioca pudding
Sept. 26: Tunafish casserole (noodles), Pineapple and cottage cheese salad, green beans, peanut butter bar
Sept. 27: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli, celery sticks, peach bavarian creme
Sept. 28: Salisbury steaks, w/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, diced carrots, orange juice, cinnamon streusal cake
Sept. 29: Hamburg cass., carrot raisin salad, cranberry crunch

Southwick's Senior Center has finally found a new home after nearly three years of searching for a larger facility. As of November 1, the Council on Aging will be renting the building which formerly housed Lucia's Restaurant on Point Grove Road.

Council Chairman W. Kenneth Phillips said that although the site is not centrally located, it has about three times the area of the present facility. The Council and many senior citizens have repeatedly expressed concern over the

4:00 AMERICAN GRAFFITI
Re-creates the innocence of 1962 (PG-1:55) r
6:00 A SPECIAL DAY
Dubbing by stars themselves (Dubbed-PG-1:50) r
8:00 TOM AND TINA
High-energy rock.
9:30 GEORGE CARLIN AGAIN!
On Location.
11:00 MARCH OR DIE
Stirring music (PG-1:47) r
1:00 TOM AND TINA
A great combination. r

Monday

September 25
6:00 ZEPPELIN
Military use of dirigibles (G-1:41)
8:00 SORCERER
Director William Friedkin, Oscar winner for French Connection (PG-2:02) r
10:00 THE DOMINO PRINCIPLE
Edward Albert (R-1:40)
12:00 THE ADVENTURE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES' SMARTER BROTHER
Madeline Kahn (PG-1:31) r

School Lunch Menus

Agawam School Lunch Menu
September 18-22

Monday-Sept.18-Apple juice, grilled cheese sandwich w/pickle chips, garden tossed salad w/italian dressing, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.
Tuesday-Sept.19-Sliced turkey sandwich in roll w/lettuce and mayonaise, oven french fries, apple sauce, spice cake w/vanilla icing, milk.
Wednesday-Sept. 20-Lemonade, baked hamburger and macaroni w/spaghetti sauce, creamy cabbage and carrot salad, butter Italian bread, jello w/whip topping, milk.
Thursday-Sept.21-Steamed frankfort in roll, mustard and relish, oven baked beans, buttered carrots, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk.
Friday-Sept.22-Oven baked chicken w/cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, buttered kernel corn, whole wheat bread and butter, ice cream, milk.

September 25-29

Monday-Sept.25-Chilled fruit juice, pzza w/cheese and tomato sauce topping, tossed salad w/spinach greens and french dressing, chilled fruit cup in syrup, milk.
Tuesday-Sept.27-Potted beef cubes in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread and butter, chocolate cake with butter icing, milk.
Wednesday-Sept.27-Hamburg on roll, steamed parsley rice, buttered diced carrots, spicy apple sauce, milk.
Thursday-Sept.28-Oven roasted chicken w/cranberry sauce, buttered sweet peas, whipped potatoes, school baked peanut butter cookies, milk.
Friday-Sept.29-Filet of haddock w/tartar sauce or ketchup, oven french fried potatoes, sweet kernel corn, white bread and butter, ice cream sandwich, milk.

Southwick School Lunch Menu

September 18-22

Monday-Sept.18-Meat ball grinder, buttered peas and carrots, chilled pears w/cookie, milk.
Tuesday-Sept.19-Turkey salad on roll, buttered corn, fruited strawberry jello w/topping, milk.
Wednesday-Sept.20-Hamburg or Cheeseburg on roll, catsup and mustard, dill slices, french fries, chilled peaches, milk.
Thursday-Sept.21-Ravioli w/meat sauce, grated cheese, butter wax beans, vanilla pudding w/cookie, milk.
Friday-Sept. 22-Golden fried fish, tartar sauce, parsley buttered potatoes, cole slaw, bread and butter, chilled cinnamon applesauce, milk.

September 25-29

Monday-Sept.25-Frankfurt in buttered roll, mustard, catsup and sweet relish, baked beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.
Tuesday-Sept. 26-Baked meat loaf w/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered mixed vegetables, bread and butter, peach shortcake w/topping, milk.
Wednesday-Sept.27-Cold cut grinder, catsup and mustard, french fries, buttered peas, jello w/cookie, milk.
Thursday-Sept.28-Pizza, buttered green beans, tossed green salad w/dressing, chilled pears, milk.
Friday-Sept.29-Fishburger w/cheese, tartar sauce, buttered corn, and lima beans, bread pudding w/lemon sauce, milk.

Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

Menu Sept. 18-22

Sept. 18-Lambettes, mashed potatoes, cabbage, peache
Sept. 19-Lasagne, coleslaw, cherry pie
Sept.20-Pot roast, creamed potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit
Sept. 21-Macaroni salad, barbequed wieners, broccoli, applesauce
Sept.22-Portuguese style fish, lettuce salad, cake

We are selling seats for a very special trip to be held on October 17, when foliage would be at its best. Price is \$15.00. Our trip takes us to Tarrytown, N.Y.-on the Hudson River. Our first stop will be "Sunnyside", the estate where Washington Irving wrote his Sleepy Hollow Tales. After lunch at the luxurious Tappan Hill Restaurant, we will tour "Lyndhurst", the home of Jay Gould, the railroad magnate. Both estates have been named National Historic Sites.

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For those who love the sound of men's voices in song, this will be a concert you wouldn't want to miss.



Linda Burnett, visiting at the Big E with her class from Danahy Elementary School in Agawam, gets to be a clown for a day!!! Members of the YMCA Puppet Theatre from Springfield will be painting faces in the Youtharama Building for the remainder of the Fair through September 24 in West Springfield, Mass. PHOTO BY DEBORAH BLISH THOMAS

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Public Caucus Set

A public caucus will be held on Saturday, September 23 at 2 p.m. at the home of the Chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, Rudy Altobelli, 43 Mill Street, Agawam.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to the Congressional District

Caucuses to be held on October 21, 1978 for the selection of the Massachusetts delegates to the 1978 National Party Conference. The Conference will be held in Memphis, Tennessee on December 8, 1978. Only registered Democrats are eligible to vote.

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During each conference meeting complete physical examinations can be given to approximately 12 children. Immunizations will also be given to children whose immunization record is incomplete. The conference will accept pre-school age children who do not have their own pediatrician or family physician.

The conference will be held on Wednesday's between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., October 18, October 25, November 15, November 29, and December 20, 1978. Those wishing to take advantage of the program may call the Department of Health between 8:30 and 4:30 to schedule an appointment.

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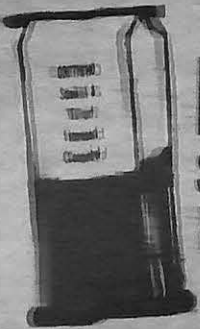


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Jr. Women's Club Seeks Members

Attention active women! The Agawam Junior Women's Club will open its twenty-first year with a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Capt. Leonard House, Main St. Mrs. Diana Willard, president, will preside over the business meeting to begin at 8 P.M.

An "Evening of Psychic Phenomenon" will be featured around 9:00. Ms. Michelle Renend, a noted spiritulist of the greater Springfield area will present the program.

There will be many activities offered this year for women of all interests and

personalities. Civic and charitable works will be incorporated into the six federations of the club.

The Juniors meet regularly every third Tuesday of the month at the Capt. Leonard House. These meetings are always open to the public. The clubwomen urge you to join them this year. You will find them a varied group, innovative and open to change. Anyone seeking information about the club may contact Mrs. Paula Huber, 71 Liquori Dr., Feeding Hills, or Mrs. Diana Willard, 142 Cooper St., Agawam.

Story Hour at Library

The Agawam Public Libraries will offer a Wednesday after school story hour at Agawam Public Library II, 862 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Ma.

This program series on animals and pet care will continue for six consecutive Wednesdays, beginning October 4th at 3:45 p.m.

Children between the ages of 6 and 12 are invited to register at either Agawam Library.

New Hours for Libraries

Several changes have been made in the schedule of open hours in the Agawam Public Libraries. For your records, the schedule is printed below. Please note that the Center Library is no longer closed for lunch on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Also, it will now be open on Monday morning and an hour earlier on Wednesday and Friday.

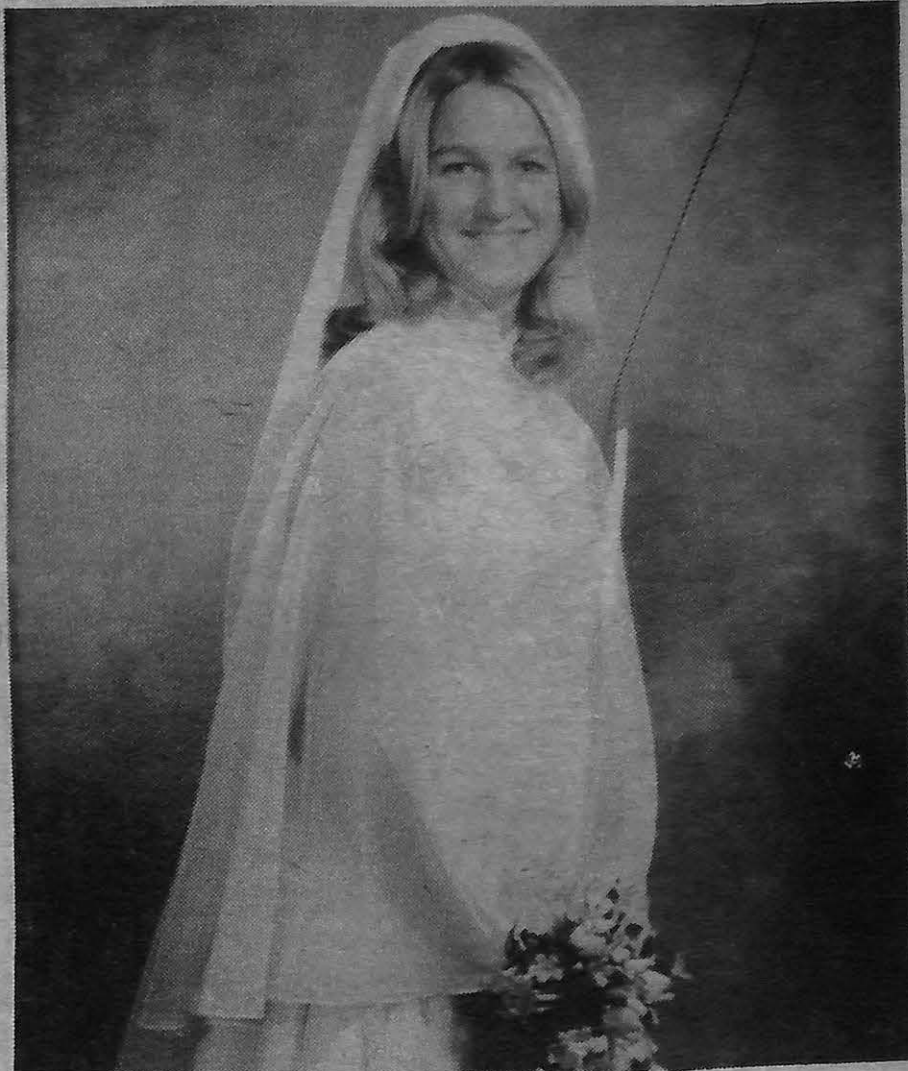
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Bassett

Enters Navy

Bradley Bassett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bassett, 788 Suffield Street, Agawam, has entered the U.S. Navy. He began basic training on August 29, at Great Lakes, Illinois. He is in a Drum and Bugle Company at this time. Bassett is scheduled to complete basic training on November 10, 1978.



On Sept. 16, 1978 in a noon-time ceremony at the Congregational Church of Manhasset, the wedding of Barbara Constance MacCrate daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacCrate of New York, to Louis Frank Gatti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lino C. Gatti of Agawam, took place. Rev. Charles P. Calcagni officiated.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Susan Bschorr George and bridesmaids were Patricia Bschorr, Anne Furlong, Victoria Strutz, and Dina Gatti. The best man was Robert Amber and the bride's brothers, Christopher and Thomas, served as ushers along with Michael Debrosse and John Nascembeni.

The bride is a graduate of Chatham College with a bachelor's degree in music. Mr. Gatti, a graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University, has a bachelor's degree in chemistry and will be working for General Tire and Rubber Co. in Bryan, Ohio, following the couple's honeymoon in Bermuda.

Romilda DiPietro Enters Suffield Academy

Romilda DiPietro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DiPietro of 47 Bridge Street, Agawam is a member of the freshman class at Suffield Academy, Suffield, Conn. Miss DiPietro is a June graduate of St. Thomas School, West Springfield, where she was an honor student. She is the granddaughter of Regina Balboni Savioli of Agawam.

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Robinson PTO Tea

The Robinson Park School PTO would like to invite all parents of children new to our school to a Welcome Tea to be held on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 10 A.M. at the school. Any parent whose child is

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Business Women's Meeting

The Springfield Business and Professional Women's Club will open its 78-79 season with a membership meeting on Tuesday, September 26, at the Flaming Pit Restaurant, Eastfield Mall, Springfield. The evening will begin with a social at 5:45 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:15 p.m.

We are privileged to highlight the program portion of our meeting with Ms. Barbara Bishop of Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Ct. Ms. Bishop's topic "Men and Women Working Together" should prove to bring to our attention some of the common and not so common problems in this area as well as some practical solutions and hints to help improve the situations.

Ms. Bishop in her present position works closely with the company's field managers across the country in hiring women. Ms. Bishop's "one person crusade" is making significant strides in improving the business relationship of men and women, hiring of women nationwide, increasing awareness level of the problems involved, and constructing programs to improve existing weaknesses.

The Springfield B.P.W. Club, which is a member of the Massachusetts Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., invites all business women in the community to attend this meeting. For reservations, please contact Doris Gilligan, 20 Monson Avenue, Springfield.

Suffield Craftsfair Slated

The 1978 Octoberfest Craftsfair sponsored by the Suffield Jaycee Wives will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Sunday, Oct. 8 from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. at the Hatheway House Barn. Admission will be 75¢ for adults and 50¢ for senior citizens. Craftsmen from all over New England will be selling jewelry, leathers, pottery, unusual Christmas decorations, and many other hand-crafted items. Please mark these dates and plan to attend.

O.E.S. Annual Supper

The Longmeadow Chapter 216 O.E.S. will have their annual supper on Friday, Sept. 22 at the Longmeadow Community House in Longmeadow. Featuring strawberry shortcake with home-made biscuits and real whipped cream, dinner will be served at 5 P.M. or at 6:30 P.M. at a price of \$4.00. Reservations must be made for this dinner with Mrs. Pomeroy (567-5923). The complete menu will be ham scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, macaroni salad, assorted gelatin salads, and our usual strawberry shortcake. All are welcome - come and have your supper with us.

Electronic Equipment Auction

The annual auction of electronic equipment sponsored by the Hampden County Radio Association will be on Friday, October 6th. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the auction begins at 8 p.m. The auction will be held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, Feeding Hills, Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring electronic equipment to the auction. Last year items included many ham radios, test equipment, computer accessories, and antennas. The Club will take 10% of each sale.

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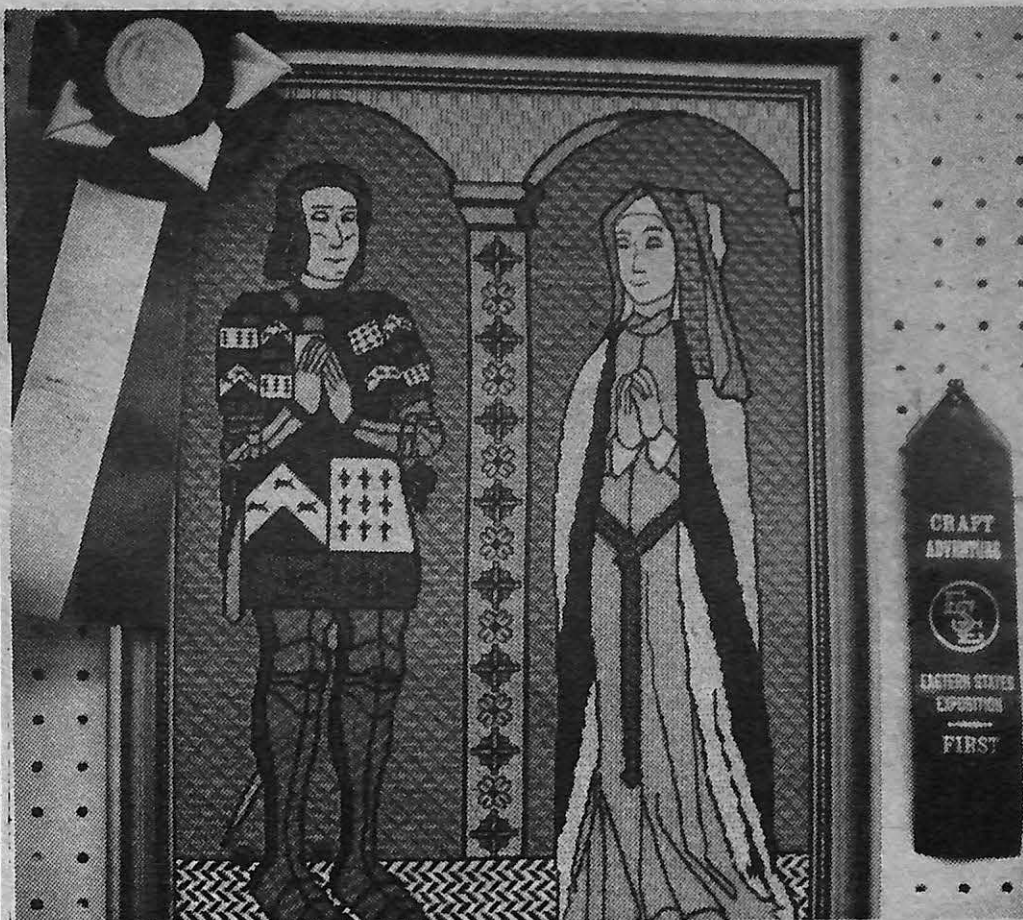
Golden Agers

The Agawam Golden Age Club held its regular meeting on September 13 at the Sr. Center, Agawam. A country store was held and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The next regular meeting will be on September 27, 1978 at the Sr. Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam. A 'mystery guest' will entertain.

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Embroidery picture by Sue Pecham, Agawam, winner of the Best of Show award in the canvas embroidery class of the 1978 Craft Adventure held August 31 at the Big E. West Springfield, Ma. More than 500 exhibitors, some from as far as Nebraska and Louisiana, competed in the show. Close to 150 prizes were awarded for various categories in 11 classes. Winning entries will be exhibited in the Youtharama building at the Big E throughout the fair's 12-day run Sept. 13-24. Photo by Vincent S. D'Addario.

Alcohol and You

by Professor Drinknot

Alcohol use and abuse has played a large part in our nation's history. From the time of the Colonists until today, alcohol has been a major factor in the economy and alcohol use is a way of life for us in the United States. Unfortunately, along with alcohol use comes alcohol abuse and the disease of alcoholism. We live with the idea that alcoholism is immoral and that those who are alcoholics are the worst of the worst. In 1955 the American Medical Association declared alcoholism a disease. Why do we still think of alcoholism in moral tones then? If somebody dies of cancer, we say, "That's so awful." And it is a tragedy. But when somebody dies of alcoholism, we say, "what a wasted life. If only he had had a stronger will." Both people have died from fatal diseases. But we don't think of alcoholism as a medical term, only a moral term.

The Colonists drank alcohol as a way of life and believed that it was necessary for good health and for warding off diseases. Rum was the drink of the day and alcohol was used in great quantities. The log of the ship 'Arabella', which brought John Winthrop to the colony of Massachusetts to be governor in 1630, stated that on board were "42 tuns of beer, 14 tuns of water." But even then alcohol abuse was severely punished. As this constant use of alcohol continued, doctors and clergy started to see what was happening. Prohibitionists started pointing fingers, moralists got into the act, and the idea was planted that drink was the worst obstacle to leading sinners to salvation. The battle between the wets and the dries had started, with the dries eventually taking over complete control of the thought processes of the country and convincing people that it was an act against God and a traitorous act against the country to use alcohol. The insanity that developed between the colonists' time and the beginning of Prohibition with

the enactment of the 18th Amendment in 1920 is enough to make one's head spin. But the tone was definitely set. If you abused or even used alcohol you were dirt and the alcoholic was the bottom of the barrel. In the 1930's, after the Roaring Twenties and the sickness of the likes of Capone, the 21st Amendment was passed, negating the 18th. Alcohol was back legally again, but with bigger and better guilt hangups for the alcoholic. But luckily, in 1935, two drunks met and formed what was to become Alcoholics Anonymous, which was to become one of the only havens for the alcoholic until the present day.

But now the Federal government is doing something about alcoholism. As it is a recognized and treatable disease, extensive studies are being done to see what goes on inside that alcoholic body and mind that doesn't go on in the non-alcoholic. For the people who aren't sure that alcoholism is a disease and that alcoholics enjoy doing what they do, step back and consider. Would someone willingly destroy their mind and body, start the day off by vomiting, shaking and sweating? And then vomiting more until a few shots of whiskey will stay down? Lose their job, family, friends for the enjoyment of alcohol? I think not. Alcoholism is compulsion. It is addiction. It is a treatable, fatal disease. It is not a weak-willed, immoral person who actually wants to do these things. It is a person driven by compulsion to do all the things that nobody could ever wish on their worst enemy.

If we try to revamp our ideas on alcoholism and learn the truth, perhaps communities such as ours can get more of our alcoholics into treatment and have them become a viable part of our community. Recovering alcoholics are not bad people getting well, but sick people getting well. Let's try to help them out and in the meantime we'll better our own communities.

Current Nutrition Issues

Are organic grown foods more nutritious? Should our diets be supplemented by vitamins? What about natural toxins in foods? Suzanne Gabriel, Extension Community Nutritionist and Registered Dietitian will clarify some of the current issues in nutrition.

The presentation will be held at the Hampden County Extension Service Offices, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West

Springfield on Wednesday morning, September 27, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Guidelines for evaluating publications and articles will be discussed and the film "Nutrition - Myths, Fallacy or Fact" will be shown. Come and bring your questions. The program is free of charge and open to the public regardless of race, color or national origin.

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September 20, 1978

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September 21, 1978

Robinson Park PTO Welcome Tea
10 a.m.

September 23, 1978

Public Caucus Sponsored by
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September 23, 1978

Peirce School PTO-Oldies Night Record Hop
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September 21, 1978

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Pioneer Valley Ballet in Northampton, and Theodora DeBartolo, Director of Theodora's School of Ballet, North Providence, Rhode Island. All girls interested in Pointe work bring toe shoes to audition.

Registration fees may be paid in advance with application form or on day of audition prior to participating in the auditions.

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Girl Scouts Aid Council for Children News

Lost Children at Big E

Area girl scouts will be helping to make sure that lost children are kept to a minimum this year, by affixing green and white tags to children five years old and under as they enter the fairgrounds.

The scouts, who will be at the Fair everyday 9 am to 3 pm at gates 1A, 4, 7, and 9A; and weekends at gates 1A, 7B, 4, 7, 9A and 9B, will attach adhesive tags to children to insure a safe return to Mom or Dad if they do get separated while at the Fair.

The Big E, the largest fair in the East, will continue until Sunday, Sept. 24.

***The next Legislative Committee Meeting will be held at the Council for Children, Conference Room - 311, on Monday, September 25, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in Legislation and its effect on children's issues, please come. For more information call 568-1734. Edna Condino, Legislative Chairperson.

***In October, SPEAK-OUT's for Libraries will be held across the state. A Western Mass. area SPEAK-OUT will be held October 12, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., at STCC, Bldg. 20, room 507. Chairpersons will be Dorothy Pryor and Constance Clancy. Following introduction and with background material on Mass. Governors Conference and upcoming White House

Conference, anyone wishing to speak on any issues or problems pertaining to Libraries may do so. For more information call Ruth Peck, Planning Committee, 736-0898.

***Thanks to the endeavors of a lot of great people in Agawam, and State Rep. Ed Connelly, some new rules have been set down regarding Agawam's Robinson State Park. Some new trails will be designated for dirt bikes eliminating the destruction of the entire park. More police protection for the park and abutting residents, with nightly police patrols for just this purpose. The Council is thankful to all those persons speaking at the Hearings, and working to help establish new

Home Safety Campaign Launched by Office for Children

The Massachusetts Office for Children is launching a massive statewide Home Safety Campaign to raise public awareness of home safety hazards and to reduce the number of accidents involving children. They report that accidents are the largest single cause of death and disability in children under the age of fifteen. Accidents account for one-third of all child mortality and kill more children than the six leading fatal diseases combined.

OFC has just published a Home Safety Checklist to assist parents and day care providers in checking for and removing potential safety hazards from homes and playgrounds. The checklist focuses on nursery furnishings, toys, poison prevention general home safety, playground equipment and surfaces, and transportation safety.

The Family Day Care Licensing Unit of the Office for Children is responsible for monitoring the enforcement of a law passed in 1965 stipulating that individuals providing day care for children be registered with the office and comply with certain health and safety standards. The registration requirement and periodic inspection of day care facilities assure parents who leave their children in private homes while they are working that these facilities meet OFC's safety standards. The Home Safety Checklist provides an easy way for both day care providers and parents to accident-proof their homes.

Infants are most frequently injured by falls, infestation of poisonous substances and foreign objects, burns and drownings. Safety measures that lessen the danger of these accidents are spelled out in the checklist.

The current number one cause of serious injuries for children ages three to sixteen are bicycles. Skateboard accidents are also a growing concern to OFC - they accounted for over 100,000 serious injuries in 1977. The checklist cites bike and skateboard hazards and the importance of car seats for infants. It also lists possible hazards in nursery furnishings, toys and playground equipment.

Most home accidents occur because of a child's natural curiosity, impetuosity, and impatience, but OFC maintains that safety awareness and common-sense preventive measures can prevent injuries and save lives.

Copies of the Home Safety Checklist can be obtained by writing, Massachusetts Office for Children, Home Safety for Children, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, or by calling 617-727-8925.



rules pertaining to the park. concerns. It is hoped that interested in this group please ***A Parents Discussion through this group you can call Cindy Martin, Parent Group is being planned for have an opportunity to talk Resource, A.R.C. 732-0531. parents of special needs about your feelings about or Seth Dunn, D.M.H., 562-children that they may share having a child with special 5651. A special needs baby- their experiences and problems. If you are sifter can be arranged.

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Editorials

Safety First Please!

BY JESSIE D. FULLER
Agawam School Committee

At a recent School Committee meeting the matter of transportation of our students was discussed. Safety was the "top priority". There are many areas in town that I feel create hazards for our "bussed students." My appeal is to the drivers in these areas. Will racing up Leonard Street get you to work any quicker? We have students from 7 a.m. on waiting on both sides of this street - to compound the situation there are no sidewalks on either side. Some youngsters, and I am speaking now on the elementary level, must cross the street to board the bus. Remember drivers, those are

precious little ones who deserve to grow to adulthood. Recently, thru the efforts of Jack Stone of the DPW, and John Sleich, former Director of Public Safety, we had Elm Street posted and for all intentional purposes it appears to be successful. I would appeal to our new Police Chief, who was our former "safety officer", to do the same for residents in the Leonard Street area. I have used this location to discuss, as I have personally observed the problem. We have similar conditions on North Westfield Street, North Street, and others. Please, I appeal to the public. Be Alert - Don't Hurt!!!



Our Town

By Linda McQuade

OUR TOWN is about Southwick. Hopefully, it will become a regular, weekly feature.

I'm certain you've heard the title OUR TOWN before. As an English major, I realize it's the title of a classic play. But, with the subject matter to be discussed in this column - the ups and downs of a town and its people - I'm sure Thornton Wilder wouldn't mind.

Southwick's Halloween program is in danger of becoming one of those community projects lost because of apathy. John Sheehan, commander of local V.F.W. Post, told selectmen last week that workers are needed for the program to continue.

The program has been held on Halloween night at Powder Mill School for the past two years. Last year about 200 kids attended. There is also a Rag Shag parade from the Rec Center building to the school. Sheehan said the parade has been a tradition in the town for about 15 years.

The basis for the program itself is simple. The children are off the streets and away from the dangers of traffic and other Halloween horrors. Each year, we read about children being poisoned or harmed by some treats they received on Halloween. Although Police Chief

Charles Wolfe said these things have never happened in Southwick, there is still the danger of the little trick-or-treaters being in the streets.

The safe Halloween program should become tradition, but we need the help of the parents whose kids are participating in the program. The local veterans groups, church groups, and police and fire departments support this project. A portion of the funds needed for the program has already been appropriated and donated. Now we need people.

As Mr. Sheehan said, support by the town organizations is greatly appreciated, but we cannot expect these folks, whose children are grown, also to provide the manpower.

The V.F.W. will not give the program up, but they need your help. This has to be a community effort. It's for the benefit of your kids. People are needed to coordinate refreshments, entertainment, chaperones, etc. If you wish to volunteer, call John Sheehan (569-5581) Safety Officer Robert Laughlin (569-6822), or me (569-5581). The date for the organizational meeting has been tentatively set for the first week of October.

Let's keep Halloween safe for our kids.



Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

Please allow me to address my fellow citizens through your newspaper.

ON Monday night, Sept. 11th, the Daily News printed an article in the Hometown Section which was intended to report on the learning progress of Agawam School students.

The heading of the article was "Agawam Students Learning Faster Than National Average." This is unequivocally not so. I attended the School Committee Meeting when the test results were presented and was forced to conclude that our public school student's learning progress was very average.

The reporter, Jack Flynn, wrote, in the first paragraph, that elementary school students in Agawam are learning basic reading, writing and mathematics skills at an average rate of 1 1/2 to 2 years above the national average. This again is most definitely not so. He says his source for information is "school officials". I must ask which of our school officials chose to mislead the public?

The test results show that our first graders tested with 57% of students scoring above average...our six grade students have only 39% scoring above the national average (this means 61% scored average or below)...and our high school students in eleventh grade have only 25% scoring above the average (we then have 75% that test average or below). What is wrong that our students have an acceptable achievement level when they start in the system and the learning level falls all the way through the education program?

CONCERNED ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

TO THE EDITOR:

Agawam residents Huey and Roland Roberts complained of the hiring of an in-town resident for the position of Police Chief, and that a non-resident should have been hired. Their feelings were that an out-of-town, Town Manager was necessary for proper management. If Peter Caputo is doing a good job, and in all respects he is, why question his judgement, and abide with his decision. That is his job to appoint the person most qualified for Police Chief.

As for Stan Chmielewski, what person could deny that he knows the problems and issues in Agawam and the Police Department and how to deal with them, than someone who has worked there twenty years, and lived and been involved in community work all his life, above and beyond participation of any other Agawam resident. Mr. Chmielewski is always doing something for his community and I congratulate him on his new position, feeling that Mr. Caputo must have had Agawam's best interests at heart with his choice. I believe many Agawam residents will agree with me. Stan's education and experience are the finest! A love of the people, the law

enforcement, and his community. I also do not believe personal dislike, or personalities should enter into the decision, and know that the Police in Agawam will stand by their Chief or they will not have a cohesive police force. I do not know either of the Roberts, but I have NEVER seen their names as involved in doing anything in the community of Agawam.

Thank you for the space in your fine newspaper to air my personal opinion.

EDNA CONDINO

TO THE EDITOR:

I am appalled with Ed Connelly's pretense that he is the taxpayers champion State Rep. Ed sponsored that horrendous 100% property valuation bill. Then he voted not to let us even have the chance to vote on the 100% valuation issue on the November ballot.

On top of that, he voted this year against the circuit breaker which would have given us real estate tax relief.

Why is the man against us poor taxpayers? Sincerely,
NEARELLA A. ZYMROZ

TO THE EDITOR:

It is shocking to see how our State Representative Edward Connelly can be so hypocritical.

He has now promised "to fight for a circuit breaker on property taxes," to ease our Real Estate Tax burdens. Why didn't he do that last May 4th when he voted against the Circuit Breaker?

It seems he promises things after the fact. Let him try to live on my income and pay my taxes. If he had been in the average guy's position, he would have voted for the circuit breaker. But then he's never thought about us little guys. Now shy should we re-elect him?

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TO THE EDITOR:

Being a new citizen of the U.S., I am shocked by all the mud-slinging and name calling that occurs at voting time. All this fuss, and they tell me that it is only a primary! What will it be like before the real election? I realize that you can't believe everything you hear about the different candidates, but what can you believe? It doesn't take much to call someone a name - I will vote for a candidate on his record of service, not on the names someone calls him or her. I am not interested in a candidate's religion, sex, color or heritage - only in how he serves the people. Sign Me-

WON'T VOTE FOR A NAME CALLER

From The Editor's Desk

By Pat Guevin



Our expansion has us caught up in an incredible, unexpected amount of work. The response to our paper in Southwick has been nothing less than tremendous. We currently home deliver, via the mail, to over 2100 homes in Southwick. Today's postal rates being what they are, we can't afford to keep that up forever. We are currently in the process of setting up a carrier system for the Southwick area, and as soon as we have final figures on the number of routes available, we will be advertising for carriers in the Southwick area.

Today is Tuesday, September 19 - DID YOU VOTE? I certainly hope so!

Our new office will be located at 391 Springfield Street, Agawam. We are unofficially open at that location, but there is still some work to be completed. Watch for a Grand Opening soon - we'll have lots of surprises in store for you.

We are again seeking help - we need more writers for Sports and feature stories. If anyone is interested, please contact 786-7747 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

I am looking for OLD pictures of the Town of Agawam - the way it was 10, 20, 30, 40 years ago. If anyone would like to lend us a picture for publication, please contact me. Your picture will be returned to you - unharmed.

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Town Hall Bulletin Board

Library Association Meeting

Springfield St. at 8:00 P.M. All members of the association and other townspeople interested in the Agawam Center Library are urged to attend.

The Agawam Center Library Association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the Agawam Library II, 862

Town Complex Planning Board Committee

The Agawam Planning Board will meet on Thursday, September 21, 1978, at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Administration Building Hearing Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

There will be a meeting of the Town Complex Committee on Monday, September 25th, at 8:00 p.m. in the second floor hearing room of the Municipal Building on 36 Main Street, Agawam.

Legal Notices Accepted

The Agawam Advertiser/News is very pleased to announce that we are a legally recognized publication for Legal Notices. Mr. John O'Brien, Registrar of Probate in Springfield and Hampden County has officially announced our acceptance by his office to publish Legal Notices for

the Agawam/Feeding Hills area. We are pleased to call this to the attention of the legal profession and the citizens of Agawam. We encourage the use of our paper for Probate matters, Town Hearings, Lost Passbooks, and other legal notifications.

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Larry Kublin, owner of Sinfonia Music, 299 Springfield Street, Agawam, presents guitar to Lisa DeGrandpre, Agawam. Lisa won the first prize in Sinfonia's Grand Re-Opening celebration drawing. PHOTO BY JACK DEVINE

Agawam Woman Forms Taxpayers Union

Elena Bonavita, a North Agawam resident and advocate of the repeal of the excise tax in Massachusetts, announced recently that she is forming the 'Third Hampden District Taxpayers Union', an affiliate of the National Taxpayers Union based in Washington, D.C.

An organizational meeting will be held on October 1st at 7:00 p.m. at 82-84 Walnut Street, Agawam. Miss Bonavita noted that the Union already boasts sixteen active members in the area, actively working for tax reduction.

"The National Taxpayers Union is an educational organization dealing directly with tax reduction," Miss Bonavita noted. The union

has a membership of some 70,000 nationwide, with chapters in most states. The NTU lobbies for taxpayers and is working to form a nation wide coalition of taxpayers groups to fight for tax reform, to simplify tax laws, and to reduce tax rates.

Anyone wishing more information may contact Miss Bonavita at 786-0876

Crafty Critters at Big E

The Southwick Crafty Critters group has been asked to participate in Youtharama activities at the Eastern States Exposition.

The group will be demonstrating how to make Christmas decorations on Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Youtharama Building.

The Crafty Critters group is under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Seibert.

Agawam Committee for Dimauro

Ruth E. Zucco and Kenneth Barnes, Agawam Co-ordinators for the Armando Dimauro campaign recently listed the following precinct captains and other committee members: Precinct 1 - Tony Saracino; Precinct 2 - John Buck; Precinct 3 - Edward Hottin; Precinct 4 - Gino Rossi and Richard Theroux; Precinct 5 - Angelo Stromaglia; and Precinct 6 - Al Badone and Tony Muffio.

Sign chairman, Al Badone; Phone Committee, Lilian Gagne, Edie Adamchek, Marie Saracino, Rosemarie Hottin, and Nancy Barnes;

Literature Committee, Lilian Gagne, Edie Adamchek, Tammy Nardi, Kim Nardi, Cheryl Willet, Marie Saracino and Nancy Barnes.

Mrs. Zucco also commended the work done by the 'coffee hour' committee, who sponsored a coffee hour for Mr. Dimauro at Chez Josef on September 10. Those committee members were: Junior Hostesses Debbie Barnes, Kathy Barnes, Mary Ellen Barnes, and Rosemarie Hottin. Senior Hostesses were Nancy Barnes, and Marie Saracino. In charge of bumper stickers were Eddie John Hottin and Doug Rossi.

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Southwick Riders at Big E



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Carol Hosley, 17, and Melinda Sleeper, 16, were the ambassadors for the Hampden County 4-H when they participated in various equestrian events. Carol competed in the senior hunt seat and trail riding classes, while Melinda vied in the senior saddle seat and pleasure riding events. Also, both girls competed in the fitting and showmanship events in their respective divisions.

The judging for each event varies with the class, the girls said, but, overall, they were judged on appearance of both horse and rider, poise and handling ability, and equitation.

Each year the Exposition hosts 4-H horse events. The objectives are to "create an awareness among the public

of the opportunities in the 4-H horse project, to encourage 4-H youth to emphasize the educational aspect of the 4-H program, to encourage adoption of uniform educational standards in the 4-H horse project throughout New England and to recognize the 4-H members for their achievements."

Carol and Melinda competed with about 150 other 4-H members from throughout New England. They were also required to take tests on their knowledge of horsemanship, horse health and horse safety. They were also among the Massachusetts delegation competing against other New England states' delegations in the horse stall and barn competition.

The girls also manned the 4-H booth at the Exposition to answer questions about the 4-H program and horse projects.

Brian McGann from Brimfield was chosen as the alternate for the Hampden County 4-H.

Carol and Melinda were chosen from 10 Hampden County 4-H members vying for the honor to participate at the Eastern States. The state sets up the guidelines for participation and rates candidates on the years of 4-H membership, excellence in riding and showing ability, service to the 4-H program, service to the community, general knowledge of horses, and excellence in public speaking and record keeping.

Carol is the daughter of Ernest and Rita Hosley of Brookview Dr. She has worked with horses for 10 years and has been a 4-H member for eight years.

Melinda is the daughter of Dean and Doris Sleeper of South Longyard Rd. She has been interested in horses and a 4-H member for six years.



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Officers of the Southwick Grange for 1978-79 have been announced as follows: Master, Gerald E. Celley; Overseer, Evelyn Cram; Lecturer, Jeanette Weston; Assistant Lecturer, Mildred Celley; Steward, Richard Waterman; Ass't Steward, Newton Thompson Jr.; Lady Assistant Steward, Ann Thompson; Chaplain, Philip K. Hall; Secretary, Arlene Hughes; Treasurer, John Viel; Gate-Keeper, Orfeo

Magagnoli; Ceres, Pauline Viel; Pomona, Nellie Rutka; Flora, Trudy Hall; Executive Committee, one year, Suzanne Alberti, 2-year, Mary McLaughlin, 3-year, Frederick Rutka; Pianist, Irene Sponberg; Installing Officer, Mrs. Elise Bradway; Marshall, Earl Chaplain, Earl Bradway; Emblem bearer, Miss Pauline Sosnowich; Regalia bearer, Miss Joanne Annino; Pianist, Mrs. Hannah Binns; and Soloist, Mrs. Barbara Hastings.

Junk Food-Who Needs It?

Junk food - who needs it!!!! Martha Allmon, Home Economics instructor at Powder Mill School, has announced that on Monday, Sept. 18 a number of her students have pledged themselves to eliminate "junk" food from their diets for a full week.

These students plan to give up habitual delicacies such as soft drinks, potato chips, cake, cookies, gum and other nutritionally valueless foods.

In their place, they intend to snack and eat more of the healthful things available such as cheese, yogurt, fruit, and raw vegetables.

As part of this experience, students will keep a written record noting such things as their feelings when a craving for a snack arose, the cooperation received from family and friends, and a prediction of how, or if, their eating habits will change as a result of the experiment.

Historical Society to Meet

The Southwick Historical Society will open its 1978-79 season with a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Consolidated School. President Eleanor Martin will preside.

The program will be a report from the newly-formed Historical Commission, Eldon Johnson, chairman.

Refreshments will follow the program under the direction of Chairman Thelma Montovani.

Area Democrats to Hold Caucus

Norman Crowley, Chairman of the Southwick Democratic Committee, has authorized the calling for a mid-term conference to be held in Memphis, Tennessee on Dec. 8, 9, 10 for the purpose of "addressing issues embraced in the 1976 Democratic Party Platform and other national issues and for the purpose of discussing the State Democratic Party and its future.

Massachusetts has been assigned 41 delegates and 32 alternates for this conference. Nine delegates are ex-officio, eight are elected by the Democratic State Committee, which also elects the 32 alternates. The remaining 24 delegates will

be elected as follows:

The town committee chairman must call a caucus of all registered Democrats in their area to elect delegates to a Congressional District caucus where they will elect delegates to the 1978 National Mid-Term Conference.

The Southwick Town Committee is allotted five delegates to the Congressional District caucus. These delegates will be elected at a caucus on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 338 off Powder Mill Road. All registered Democrats are invited and encouraged to participate and are eligible to vote and run for delegate.

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Special Town Meeting Slated

Bylaws Proposed to Combat Loitering, Littering & Profanity

Strict bylaws have been proposed to combat loitering, littering and profanity in Southwick. These proposals will come before a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 P.M. in the high school auditorium. Article 4, as requested by the Board of Selectmen, is to see if the town will vote to add the following section to Chapter V of the General Bylaws:

a. No person shall, without license of the Board of Health, throw into, or leave in or upon any street, court, square, land, road, public square, public enclosure, pond or body of water, or vacant land within the limits of town, any filth, rubbish or other substance. Any person who shall refuse or neglect to forthwith remove same, after being requested by a police officer to do so, may be arrested and, if the identity of such person is unknown to the police officer, that person may be detained without a warrant until his identity is ascertained. Reasonable diligence shall be exercised by the arresting officer in ascertaining the identity of the offender and, when identified, he shall be released from arrest unless a warrant has been issued against him.

b. No person shall behave himself in a disorderly manner or use any indecent, profane, or obscene language or gesture, not in furtherance of his constitutional first amendment rights of free speech, in a street or elsewhere in any public place

in the town to the annoyance or disturbance of any person. Whoever shall accost or address another person with such profane or obscene language or gesture, or otherwise behave in a disorderly manner shall be subject to arrest. If the identity of the offender is unknown to the police officer, such person may be arrested without a warrant and detained until his identity is ascertained, whereupon the arresting officer may release him from arrest unless a warrant has been issued against him, or he may be further detained until he can be taken before a court having jurisdiction of the offense.

c. No person shall, in violation of the General Laws, Chapter 272, Section 59, or any amendments thereto, linger, continue to sit, stand or occupy any part of the public street, public place, public building, or any property not his own or under his control, so as to obstruct or impede the free passage of, or in any manner annoy or disturb any person after being instructed to directed by a police officer to move on. Any person refusing to comply with this section after being requested to do so by a police officer, shall be subject to arrest. If the identity of such person is unknown to the police officer, such person may be arrested without a warrant and detained until his identity is ascertained, unless a warrant has been issued for against him, or he

may be further detained until he can be taken before a court having jurisdiction of the offense.

d. The penalty for any violation of the foregoing section shall be a fine of not more than \$25.

Other matters to come before the meeting include transferring funds from Surplus Revenue to purchase and install five School Zone Speed Limit signs, one projector and film for the Pedestrian Safety Program, and one radar unit for the Police Department. The town is to be reimbursed for these purchases from the Governor's Highway Safety Grant and the funds will be returned to the surplus account.

Also, to transfer funds from surplus to the Youth Commission's operational account and salary account. Upon receipt of grant funds from the state, money borrowed for the salary account will be returned to surplus.

Also, to accept agreement for mutual police aid program, discontinuance of Lincoln Road, transfer from surplus to purchase a microfiche machine for motor vehicle registration listings for use by the Town Collector and Police Department, and transfer from surplus to purchase survey maps and site engineering of the cemetery.

Also, to accept the proposed zoning bylaw amendments as presented by the Planning Board.

Lupus Chapter Forming

President Carter has proclaimed Sept. 17 - 23 as National Lupus Week.

Lupus Erythematosus is a chronic inflammatory disease whose cause and cure currently are unknown.

To better serve this area, a lupus chapter is being formed at this time. For further information in regards to the disease or to the planned chapter, please call one of the following numbers: Diane in Holyoke at 532-7789, Connie in Amherst at 253-7977, Nancy in Southwick at 569-5248, Marianne in Springfield at 783-6675, or Pat in Springfield at 737-8076.

In an effort to raise money for lupus patients, the Western Mass. Corvette's Inc., with the support of Yankee Sports Car Club, is sponsoring an Auto Cross event on Sunday, Oct. 15 at Springfield Plaza on Liberty

Street. This event is open to most any make of car with class system favoring the everyday street car over the expensive, prepared car. The cars must be equipped with seat belts, and the driver must wear a helmet. Western Mass. Corvette's Inc. has supported the Lupus Foundation in the past with car shows and exhibitions and will be planning more events for this year.

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Enrollment Down 80

Superintendent of Schools Louis Josselyn announced recently that the student enrollment this year totals 1,902 in Southwick. Total enrollment at this time last year was 1,982.

Kindergarten has 114 students; Grade 1, 127; Grade 2, 133; Grade 3, 158; and Grade 4, 150.

Grade 5 has 124 students; Grade 6, 125; Grade 7, 117; Grade 8, 138.

Also, Grade 9, 184; Grade 10, 146; Grade 11, 171; and Grade 12, 174.

Turkey Shoot on Tap

It's not too early to bag your Thanksgiving turkey. The Southwick Lions Club will begin its season of Sunday Turkey Shoots on Sunday, Sept. 24. The shoots will be held at the American Legion Post 338 off Powder Mill Road. Events get under way at 1 p.m. and last until dark.

The cost is \$1.00 per shot and \$1.50 for specials. Prizes will be awarded at the end of each round.

James Whalen will serve as chairman for the event and Gene Steward as co-chairman.

Policemen's Ball

The annual Southwick Policemen's Ball will be held on Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield Armory, Franklin Street, Westfield. The event will feature a buffet-style meal with china and linen settings. Beverages may be brought from home or purchased from the bar. There will also be a champagne fountain.

There will be dancing following the meal with music by the Revelers.

Tickets are available from any police association member and at the police station.

Southwick Fire Log

The Southwick Volunteer Fire Department responded to the following emergency calls last week.

9/8/78 Friday

Ambulance, Davis Rd. to Noble Hospital, 4:45 P.M.

9/9/78 Saturday

Car fire, Powder Mill Rd.

9/19/78 Sunday

Ambulance, Moto-X to Noble Hospital, 3:10 P.M.

9/11/78 Monday

Barn fire, Tannery Rd., estimated loss \$90,000

9/12/78 Tuesday

Ambulance, Eagle St. to Holyoke Veterans Hospital, 9:15 A.M. Ambulance, Point Grove Rd. to Noble Hospital, 6:05 P.M., Ambulance, Fernwood Rd. to Noble Hospital, 8:45 P.M., Car fire, Granville Road

9/14/78 Thursday

Ambulance, Depot St. to Noble Hospital, 7:32 A.M., Ambulance, Oak St. to Noble Hospital, 2:10 P.M.

9/15/78 Friday

Ambulance, Berkshire Ave. to Westfield Nursing Home, 9:30 A.M.

Southwick Police Log

9/9/78 Saturday

Jerome Torrez, 25, of 7 Fernwood Rd., arrested on a warrant. Arresting officer John Cebula

9/11/78 Monday

5:58 P.M. - A vehicle operated by Helene Hodur, 17, of 160 Point Grove Rd., flipped onto its left side after striking guard posts as operator was negotiating curve of Sheep Pasture Rd. Investigating officer, Roger Cataldo.

9/12/78 Tuesday

Donald T. Garvey, 18, of 15 Fernwood Rd., arrested on a warrant. Arresting officer, Gary Dascanio

9/15/78 Friday

10:34 A.M. - Vehicles operated by William G. Costa, 40, of 8 Salem Rd. and Barbara A. Monty, 35, of 27 Fernwood Rd., collided at the intersection of Fernwood and Pineywood Roads. Investigating officer, Revell Emmonds

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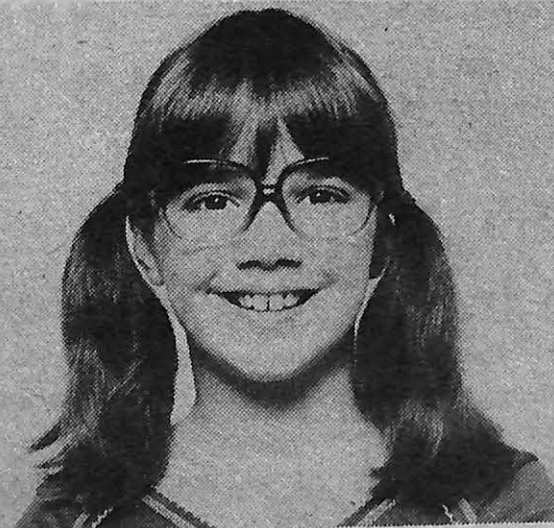
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Water Rates To Go Up 5%

BY LINDA MCQUADE

Southwick water rates will be increased five percent, effective with the October billing.

Water Commissioners announced last Monday that the rates will increase from 95 cents to \$1 per thousand gallons for metered customers. Flat rates and minimum charges will also be up five percent, they said.

Commission chairman Donald Spencer said this hike is in accordance with the schedule for the independent water system and was announced when plans for the system were presented.

"The rates will remain at \$1 per thousand gallons until we see what our operating costs are for the new system," Spencer said. He added, however, that the commission expects the rates to decrease under the new system.

There are about 1,600 water customers in Southwick, Spencer said, and about 95 percent of those are metered.

In other business, the commission once again received complaints about water service due to the Monday Fire Department practice drills.

Two weeks ago, the commission and the fire department met as a result of complaints about the hydrant flushing.

Chief Melbert Johnson said the department is in the process of practice drilling each Monday from 10 am to noon and from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Johnson said the department will be flushing every hydrant in town to determine the amount of pressure available at each site.

"Ideally, hydrants should be flushed twice a year," Johnson said, "but some haven't been flushed in three years."

Philip Sheridan, engineering consultant from Tighe and Bond, said the hydrant flushing could be beneficial to both departments. "I can understand the drilling," he said. "It is good practice for the fire department and it is good for the water department because it flushes the

mains, but there needs to be some cooperation between the departments."

Water superintendent William Malone said some problems occur when the fire department opens up a hydrant outside the center of town. The pressure is lower outside the center and it tends to drain water from the higher elevations, he said.

An added note. The Water Commission has selected "Powder Blue" as the color for the town's water storage tank. Painting is slated to begin in about two weeks. The Commission also selected Cape Cod Gray as the interior color of the pumping station.

The deadline date for completion of the pumping station is September 16, but commissioners noted that the electrical starting equipment has still not arrived.

Water commissioner Lawrence Todd said that if the station is not completed by the contractual deadline date, the board can start proceedings to hold back payments for liquidated damages.

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dogs? You don't limit cats, horses or chickens in a residential zone. You are limiting the people who own and breed show dogs and are serious dog owners and responsible pet owners. You are not at all affecting the part-time pet owners whose dogs are a nuisance and run loose."

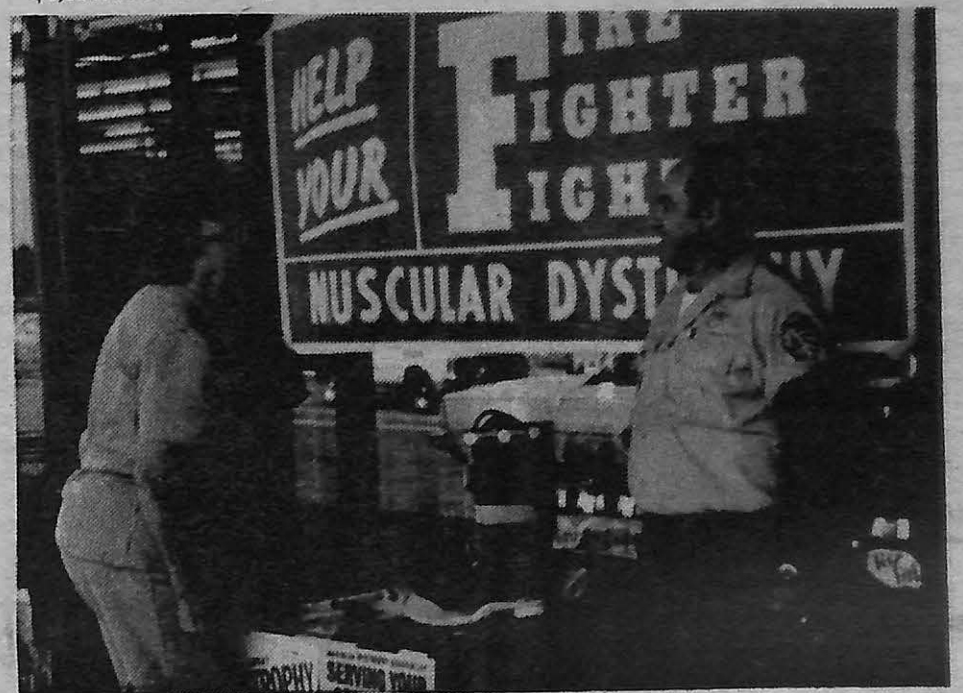
Desmond said this amendment was an attempt to keep the dog population down in residential areas and would, in effect, eliminate animal husbandry with dogs.

Town Clerk Barbara Shibley said that any amendments to these proposed revisions to be brought up at the Town Meeting must be submitted to her in writing before the meeting.

Firemen Collect for M.D.



Agawam firemen Joe Cimaroli (top) and Junior Provost collect for Muscular Dystrophy outside of local stores. The firemen collected a total of \$1,950.75 which was presented at the recent Jerry Lewis Telethon.



Health Board Issues Permits

In a brief meeting last Monday, the Board of Health granted disposal works installers permits to John Hansen for a dwelling on Sheep Pasture Road, David St. Dennis for a dwelling on Klaus Anderson Road, Norman Storey for two sites on Berkshire Avenue and to

John G. Kudlic of Feeding Hills, Mass.

Board chairman Alan Ferrigno was not present at the meeting because his wife had given birth to their second son that day. Congratulations to the Ferrignos and their new arrival.

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The group, in addition to animal welfare work, is involved in humane educa-

tion. As in the past years, a great variety of articles will be for sale including an original oil painting donated by Bob Glidden of Wilbraham, a family organ, antiques and other interesting items.

Donations can also be left at 444 Dipping Hole Road, the place of the sale.

There will be something for everyone. The public is invited to support this worthy cause.

Community Savings Announces Promotions

Community Savings Bank has announced three recent promotions. Ronald Oparowski is the new branch manager at Community's Feeding Hills office. He has been acting branch manager there since April of this year.

Oparowski joined Community Savings in 1976 and received his initial training at the Northampton Street office in Holyoke. He is a 1972 graduate of AIC, and makes his home in Chicopee with his wife and son.

June Gelenas and Patricia were promoted to savings supervisors. Mrs. Gelenas was previously head teller in

Community's Main Street, Holyoke office. She joined the bank in 1965. Mrs. Gelenas lives in South Hadley with her husband and two children.

Pat Knight joined Community Savings in 1970, becoming head teller at the Feeding Hills office when it opened in 1971. Earlier this year she was transferred to the Main Street, Springfield office for Manager Training. She is a member of the American Institute of Banking, and makes her home in Feeding Hills with her husband and four sons.

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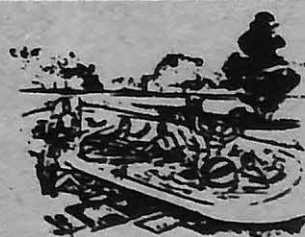
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Science Museum Seeks Volunteers

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Those volunteers who enjoy animals assist in the care of the museum's "special attractions" and give 15 minute lectures to the

public and to visiting school groups on the habits of animals. Creative people will enjoy assisting on exhibits, brochures, and posters. Hobbyists or people with a background in archeology, ornithology, geology, or other sciences are needed to work on collections and cataloging. If you enjoy working with children, the Museum provides a tour guide training program and instruction in special programs.

Anyone with an interest in natural history can find a challenging place with us. Remember - we provide the training; all you need is the enthusiasm! Please join us for coffee on Sept. 28 or contact Gloria Keeney at the Museum (732-4317 or 732-7911).

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Strangely enough, this is the time when we should be planning next years flowers and buying bulbs to plant now as part of that plan. Once you have selected the bulbs you prefer - such as brilliant crimson tulips, fragrant blue hyacinths, golden daffodils, frosty white snowdrops or smaller bulbs such as crocus, scilla, muscari and others - you can plant and care for them easily. When to plant in the Northern states ranges from September to November. Flowering times vary for many reasons. You can select bulbs that will flower from late February to early June. However, weather conditions and planting locations may affect this flowering cycle. For example,

bulbs in a bed facing south will flower earlier than those in one facing north; both beds being planted with the same type of bulbs. A bed sheltered by a home foundation, where the soil tends to be warmer, is likely to flower earlier than one set further away. Tulips planted in a sandy area will last longer and grow taller. Colorful spring bulbs can be planted anywhere in your garden, in sun or shade, along borders or terraces, around a fence or tree. For a most dramatic effect, plant tulips, daffodils and hyacinths in clusters of 10 or more bulbs, all of the same variety. Use a more lavish hand with the smaller bulbs by planting them in close groupings of 25 or more.

When you are cleaning up your flower beds this fall, try to leave a 3 or 4 inch stalk on

the perennials when you cut them back. This will let you find them a lot easier next spring. These 'sticks' will also mark where your perennials are when you plant fall bulbs.

Save your grass clippings now and add them to your flower beds later on this fall as an added mulch. Don't forget, don't throw away all those plants from the vegetable garden. Leave them right where they are. They will decay over the winter and help enrich your garden soil. Pull up the plants and scatter them around in the garden. Do throw away any plants

that you had a disease problem with though. The disease organisms live over the winter to return and haunt you next spring. Feel free to mulch everything growing around your house this year. Wait until the ground has frozen and then have at it. With the very bad winters we have had and probably will continue to have, this mulching practice can save a lot of plants from winter damage.

NEXT WEEK: More about mulching and where to get it.

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J. Martin Zukowski with Connie Andry, Agawam-West Springfield Newcomers Club President.
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Newcomers Club Hosts Spiritulist

Newcomers Club of Agawam-West Springfield, held their first meeting of the 78-79 season on Monday, September 11, at the Captain Leonard House, Agawam.

J. Martin Zukowski, noted medium-spiritualist spoke to club members and guests on spirit communication and the meaning and awareness of the medium.

Mr. Zukowski explained that developing his abilities as a medium was difficult work but rewarding. He explained that the spirits led him to a new way of life and taught him to think not only of himself, but to care about others and to try to help

them.

After his lecture, Mr. Zukowski gave brief readings to two members of the audience, who were spell-bound by his exacting awareness of their particular worries and concerns.

Several members of the audience were fascinated by Mr. Zukowski's remarks and were eager to share with him their own experiences.

Mr. Zukowski has lectured and given demonstrations throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, and has made guest appearances on several area radio and television programs.

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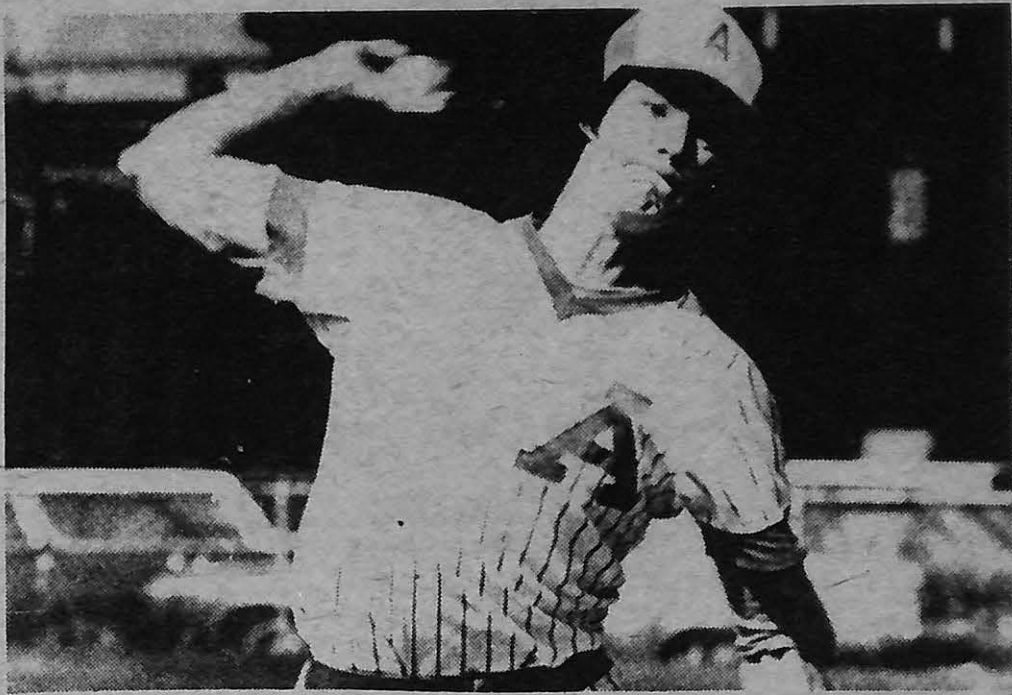
For the first time in eleven years the Agawam Brownies football team defeated the Chicopee Comp Colts by a score of 33-24. The impressive offensive power and the timely defensive plays helped to bring the victory to the team.

In the first half both teams moved the ball well, with Agawam scoring four touchdowns and Comp scoring two to end the half at 27-12. Scoring for Agawam were Mike B'Shara, with two touchdowns, Steve Neilsen, a linebacker who scored on an

interception from the thirty one, and Dan Beaudette, who scored in the final moments of the first half.

Comp came back in the second half to make the game a nail biter. With the score 27-24 and Comp on the move, defensive back Mario Mercadante recovered a Colt fumble on the thirty five yard line and later scored to make the final score 33-24.

The victory also make the debut of new head coach Jack Michalak a memorable one.



Riley Returns Home

BY DAN MARUSZCZAK JR.

The "Snake" has returned - and along with him came his first successful season in professional baseball.

Mike Riley's first year in pro ball is over, but the memories of his superb year with the pennant-winning Elizabethton Twins still lingers on. The 6'7", 180 pound Riley compiled a 3-1 record and 2.65 ERA over 53 1/2 innings pitched.

The Agawam native's first season in the Appalachian League went smoothly, although Riley was hampered near the end of the season with muscle pulls in his arm. At the request of Fred Waters, Elizabethton team manager, the "Snake" was asked to try a new pitching style.

"It was completely overhand, I didn't like it at all. I pulled the muscles in my arm," Riley stated. "I have a program that the doctor put me on in Minneapolis with weights, that's for my shoulders."

Although Riley didn't care

for the new overhand delivery, Waters believed that the new style would help conceal his curve ball, which the Elizabethton mentor thought the "Snake" was giving away with the three-quarter delivery. Along with the new pitching motion, Waters helped Riley with a change-of-pace, which proved to be successful.

Besides having his first successful year in pro ball, Riley expressed appreciation to the fans of Elizabethton. "The fans are real good. They came out to the games all the time," Elizabethton, a town a little larger than Agawam, draws an average of 500 fans per game to the Twins' Riverside Park, the home of the Appalachian League Pennant winners.

Looking ahead to next season, the "Snake" isn't sure about a promotion, as he first must prove himself in tryout camp next spring. "It's really hard to tell. I'll have to see how I do in spring training next year," Riley stated, referring to a possible promotion. Once again, Riley will report to Melbourne, Florida for spring training as he did last year.

Over the winter months, the "Snake" will be working out, in hopes of a promotion. But meanwhile, a new contract will be sent to the Riley residence. "They're supposed to send me one in

February - I won't know when it'll be or what it'll be. They'll mail it," the Agawam High product quipped.

Besides making a new contract deal this winter, Riley has left two rather important agreements behind him - one for the present, and one for the future. During the summer, Mike signed a contract with the Topps chewing gum company to have his picture printed on baseball cards in the future. The other deal, which Mike had to uphold this past season, is a deal with the Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, in which Riley is to use only Rawlings material in exchange for two pieces of equipment.

In Riley's first tow weeks of pro ball, the "Snake" gained sixteen pounds on his usually lanky frame. Besides putting on weight, Mike bought a used 1972 Monte Carlo with his first pro paycheck.

Recalling the events that took place at the beginning of last summer, Mike Riley was pickedomit last sentence

With the "Snake" having his first successful season as a pro, the Twins organization - and the Riley family - are looking forward to many more repetitions of seasons past, and seasons future. omit last paragraph

Southwick

Bowling

Scores

The results of the Southwick Women's Bowling League as of last Thursday are as follows:

Team Standings: Poker, 14 wins, 2 losses; Blackjack, 14-2; Rummy, 12-4; Bridge, 10-6; Setback, 6-10; Hearts, 4-12; Fantan, 2-14; and Pinochle, 2-14.

Weekly Standings: High three, Jenny Crooker, 289. High single, Marie Case, 109. High team three, Bridge, 1453. High team single, Bridge, 509.

Season Standings: High three, Marilyn MacGollivray, 291. High single, Marie Case, 109. High team three, Poker, 1480. High team single, Poker 521.

Bowling 100 and over last week were Marie Case (109) and Jenny Crooker (106).

Sewing

Outdoor Clothing

Making your won clothing and equipment for outdoor activities such as skiing and backpacking is a real money saver. Because the fabrics, notions and insulation used are still unfamiliar to home sewers, the Hampden County Extension Service is sponsoring a demonstration of Sewing Outerwear, Tuesday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hampden County Extension Office, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

Everything you need to complete an outerwear project can be purchased separately or in kits. Nancy Olson, an industry home economist, will help you decide if a kit, or which kit, is best for you. She will present special tips for sewing and have sample garments and insulation on display. Ms. Olson will have literature from several companies and information on locations for purchasing fabrics and notions available.


This demonstration is free of charge and open to the public, regardless of race, color or national origin.

Macaroni Dinner to Benefit Football Team

A group of alumni and friends will be putting on a Macaroni Dinner for the benefit of the Agawam High School Football Team. Proceeds will be turned over to the Gridiron Mothers for the Scholarship Fund. The dinner will be held on Friday, October 13th at the Polish American Club, Southwick Street. Feeding Hills, with

continuous servings from 6-7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$3.00 and children under 12 are \$1.50. New head coach John Michalak will be present for anyone wishing to chat with him.

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Snow Paces Rams

BY DAN MARUSZCZAK JR.

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. That should be this year's motto for the rest of the bi-county Soccer League, as Southwick High seems to be making the right moves by recently upping their season record to 2-0 with a 4-3 victory in overtime against St. Mary's of Westfield.

St. Mary's came out hot, scoring two early in the contest. Meanwhile, the defending Division II Western Mass. champions rebounded, tying it at 2-all.

"We were feeling down after those two goals by St. Mary's, but we came back and started to play good," Scott Snow, right winger for the Rams stated. "After that, we just had the momentum going."

Snow came through in overtime to lead the Rams to their second victory of the season and their 17th straight unbeaten game over the past two seasons. The Rams will be totting a 15-game schedule this season.

Southwick's Glenn McNeil hit the hat trick for the second straight time Thursday, as he started the

hot foot in the first period. Snow, a firm believer in teamwork himself, felt the spirit of the team has led it to victory in its past two contests. The right-winger termed "passing" as the team's main key to success. A product of Southwick High's JV team of last season, he tallied 20 goals with last years JV booters. The Ram JV team finished at a 14-1 mark last season.

In other High School action, Agawam downed Greenfield 4-3, on two goals scored by Brownie, Bart McCarthy.

BOOTS & PIECES - Southwick has won the Western Mass. Divisional title for the past two seasons...Also sporting a 2-0 record as of date is Agawam and Hampshire Regional, each contenders for the Western Mass' crown...Hampshire Regional upped their record to the 2-0 mark last Thursday as they stopped Smith Academy at 2-1...Another key matchup ended in a tie, as Chicopee Comp and Minnechaug locked horns at 1-1. Riley sporting goods

Riley Purchases Sports Shop

An idea that crosses everyone's mind at one time or another is the thought of owning ones own business. Believe it or not, Agawam's Mike "Snake" Riley has ventured forth after his first season in pro baseball and bought himself a sporting goods outfit, to open in the near future.

The announcement came last Friday, one day after the

purchase was made. "We're looking for a store now, and hope to open in the next few weeks," John Riley, Mike's father, stated.

"I'm not sure when we're going to open. It's going to be in Agawam, but I don't know where. I don't know when, but we're going to open," Mike stated. "But the main thing," according to Mike, "is that we're going to stay small."

Wild Bird Seed Sale at Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is again holding its annual Wild Bird Seed Sale and the deadline for prepaying orders is Saturday, October 14.

This year the sanctuary is offering sunflower seed, a special wild bird seed mix and intermediate cracked corn. All of these seeds are sold in 25 or 50 pound bags. Thistle seed, difficult to find

last season, will also be available in 10 pound bags. As a feature addition to the Wild Bird Seed Sale, Laughing Brook is also taking orders for a catalog-full of standard and unique bird feeders. All orders for feeders must be prepaid by the October 14 deadline.

Telephone or mail orders are now being accepted. For more information, call Laughing Brook on Main Street in Hampden, Mass. any day at 566-3571.

Keep on Running

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The race, which is expected to attract close to 1000 runners, begins near Alumni Stadium on the UMass campus, loops through Amherst Center, then back to the campus starting point.

registration form accompanied by a \$2.00 entry fee. Registration forms can be obtained at retail and sporting goods stores throughout the Amherst area, around the UMass campus or in Sugarloaf Running Magazine. Post entries will be accepted from 10:30 am. to 12:30 pm., accompanied with a \$2.50 fee, at the starting line the day of the race.

Jim Sadowsky, of Williams Distributors in Springfield, the local distributor of Anheuser-Busch products, urges runners to register early. The first 400 to register will receive Busch T-shirts. Pewter mugs and merchandise prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the race to the top finishers in 13 categories.

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Class of '48 Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1948 is planning a 30th Reunion on October 14, 1978 at Silver Carriage Inn in Agawam, all members of the class are being contacted now with information.

Addresses are needed for the following people who have not been able to be contacted:

Shirley Williams Tallman, Earl S. Wood, Joanne

Woodbury Walker, Ralph Sheldon, Leslie Gibbs, Richard Franklin, David Richman, Betty Sandberg Campbell, Joanne Petersen Downes, Norma Pisano King.

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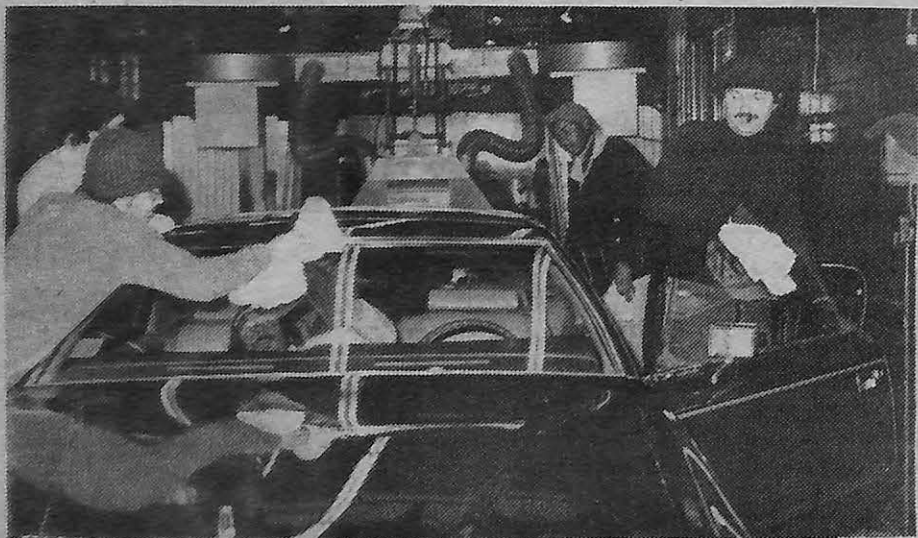
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Scout Unit to Enroll New Members

Boys who are 8, 9, & 10 years old can join Cub Scout packs at special sign-up sessions on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 7:30 to 8:30. Every pack in the district will be open for new members.

Cub Scout sign-up locations will be at: St. John's Catholic Church, Agawam Baptist Church, Agawam Congregational Church, St. David's Episcopal Church, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and Polish American Club of Agawam.

Rzewnicki explained that Boy Scouts, who are at least 11 years old, will be invited to join Scout troops at special open house nights to be scheduled by the local troops.

Present Scouting members will be recognized for recruiting new boys by receiving an "Adventure 78" patch and Adult leaders will be awarded distinctive coffee mugs for reaching their new membership goals, Rzewnicki said.

"Scouting provides a program for young people that is fun and adventuresome but also offers the opportunity to learn Scouting skills, leadership skills, and advancement through a series of activities," Rzewnicki explained. "In times like these, any program that emphasizes character, citizenship, and physical fitness is a welcome addition to any family," he said.

Parents can obtain ad-

ditional information about Scouting by contacting the Scout service center at 1639 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, or calling 737-0204.



Italia '78

Italia '78, a week long celebration of events commemorating Columbus Day and the heritage of the Italian community, will take place in Springfield from October 2 to October 8, 1978.

Highlights of this week will include an Italian Art Festival, the 28th Annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance and the Columbus Day Parade, the latter marking its twentieth year in the city.

From October 2-7 the Mirror Court in Baystate West will come alive with European flair. Italian paintings, interesting artifacts and a travel film are a few of the highlights that will be on display throughout the week.

The Columbus Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 7, acts as the climax of the festivities. The party will couple authentic Italian Cuisine With an ethnic atmosphere of costumed figures, mandolins and mellow music. Cocktails will be served at Chez Josef in Agawam at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

A focal point of the evening will be awarding of the Annual United Italian-American Societies and Clubs honor. A deserving person, who has contributed in an outstanding manner to the Italian community

specifically and to all communities as a whole will be selected by a special committee.

Officially presented at the dinner dance will be the 1978 Columbus Day Queen. The winner will be the young woman selected at the Queen's Contest in mid September.

In addition, several young students of Italian descent and outstanding scholastic achievement will be granted scholarships.

This week of festivities will culminate with the 20th Annual Columbus Day Parade, commencing at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 8, 1978.

Mayor Theodore Dimauro of Springfield, along with many other Springfield dignitaries, will march to the beat of many popular drum and bugle corps. Among the performers and sights will be numerous floats and well known marching groups.

Planning the events is the Honorary Chairman and President of U.I.A.S.C., Tom Franco. Other chairmen are Mrs. Alfred Cremonini, Chairman of the Baystate West Festival; Mrs. Frank Forastiere, Dinner Dance Chairman; and Mr. Dominic DiVenuto, Parade Chairman.

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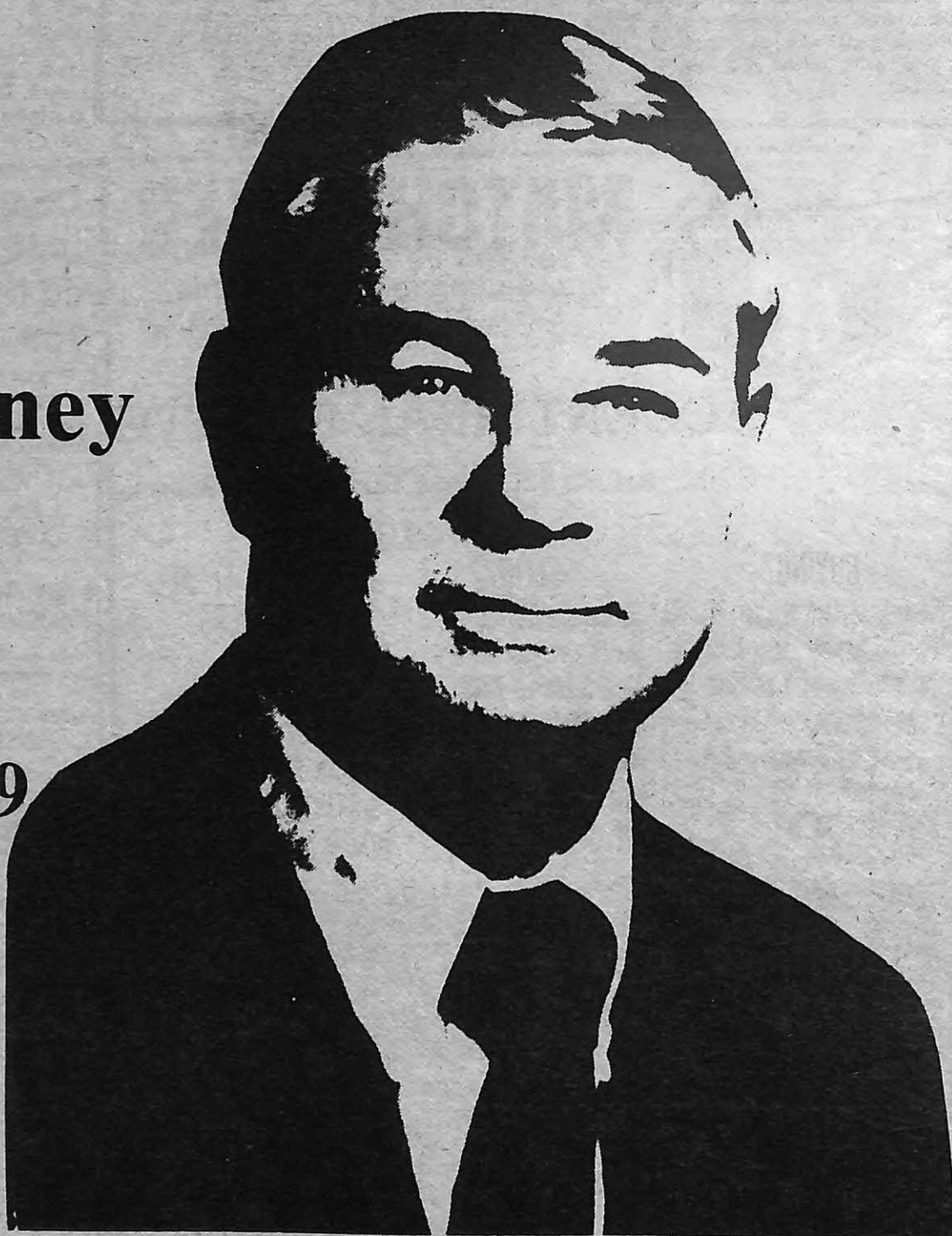
He believes that those who commit crimes of violence against the elderly, the helpless and the innocent should get the punishment they deserve.

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